



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1013**

January Session, 2007

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**AN ACT REQUIRING ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS TO MAKE FORENSIC NURSING SERVICES AVAILABLE TO PATIENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) As used in this  
2 section, "forensic nursing" means the application of forensic science to  
3 the practice of nursing and includes (1) the assessment and treatment  
4 of victims and perpetrators of crimes against persons, and (2) the  
5 collection and documentation of physical evidence that may contain  
6 evidentiary value and be presented in a criminal or civil proceeding in  
7 a court of law.

8 (b) Each acute care hospital in this state shall make forensic nursing  
9 services available to its patients.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
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**PH** Joint Favorable Subst.

**JUD** Joint Favorable